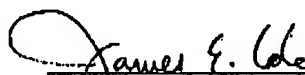


REMARKS

In the Official Action of April 2, 2004, the Examiner alleged that Amendment A was not fully responsive in recording the substance of the personal interview of the instant application of July 27, 2004.

Applicant's attorney of record, James E. Cole, acknowledges that he met with Examiner Popovics on July 27, 2004. At said interview Applicant's attorney pointed out that the claims on file defined over the references cited by the Examiner and particularly in the use of an adhesive coating comprising mineral oil and silica defined the instant filter over the prior art. Specifically, it was pointed out that coatings used in the prior art air filters for automatic or diesel engines were not appropriate for filters for filtration of breathing air. Applicant's attorney provided a sound basis for this argument by discussing an MSDS sheet for an element of Examiner's proposed combination. Such element MSDS sheet teaches away from filtration of breathing air. The Examiner suggested that a continuation-in-part application pointing this feature out in the claims may be appropriate.

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